

REMARKS

The Examiner requests that an election be made as to the claims.

With respect to election of claims, the Applicant elects without traverse (and without prejudice towards non-elected claims) claims 55 to 78, which were designated as **Group II** by the Office. In addition, the Applicant elects **Species 7**, where m is 1 to 4 and R₆ is a carboxy group, an ester group or an amide group. The Applicant asserts that the independent claims in Group II are generic claims, and therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the requirement of an election of species.

There are no new claims added in this response.

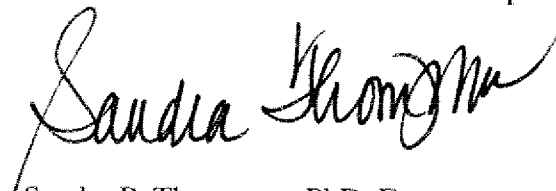
REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 55-78 are pending in this application, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all of the claims in light of the amendments presented and allow all current and pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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